

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY
Telecommunication Infrastructure Subcommittee meeting
MINUTES

Wednesday, February 16, 2005, 1:30p.m. – 3:30 p.m. at GITA

- I. Chris Cummiskey conducted the meeting and welcomed members and guests, both in attendance and on remote phone connection. Presentation materials were provided remotely via the Internet.
- Committee Members in person:** Chris Cummiskey (GITA) Ben Standifer, Andrea Schlanger, Mike Keeling, Tom Belshe (for League of Cities), Galen Updike (GITA), Gary Shanker (for APS), Art Ashton,
- Committee Members by phone:** Marcus Needham, Mark Goldstein, Michael Sherman, Richard King, Richard McNeely, Sally Bender, Vaughn Wilhelm, Richard McNeely, Cory Miller
- Guests in person:** Albert Sterman (ATIC), Jay (Flash) Miringoff (Telecom Solutions), Genene Walker – (Pinal County), Jeromy Goodman – (Gila County), Patt Patterson - (Community Information & Referral & ATIC)
- Guests by phone:** Ralph Gierish (ATIC), Kistie Simmons (Telespectra), Oris Friesen (ATIC), Steve Peters (CITA), Ted Kraver (Gazel)
- II. The Minutes from the Jan 13th Committee meeting were approved.
- III. There was no old business to discuss.
- IV. Albert Sterman, a Director of ATIC and of the Arizona Consumer Council, provided an overview of his visits with the FCC regarding their outreach program to support development of broadband infrastructure in Rural America. Al was then tasked by the Committee to set up a teleconference or a face to face meeting with the FCC outreach group. A task group was created to help Al work out the details.
- V. The Committee was given a preview of the near final text of the RFI previously approved. The discussion was led by Galen Updike and Mike Keeling. It included the scope, timing, expectation for responses, and a discussion of “next steps”. Highlights of the RFI were discussed. (See attached Power Point presentation)
- VI. The February 4th ACC hearing on broadband competition was noted and briefly discussed.
- VII. Genene Walker and Jeromy Goodman from Pinal and Gila County respectively, were introduced to the members. They provided a 40 minute presentation about the telecom needs of Pinal and Gila Counties. Substantial reference was made to the recently completed Community Telecom Assessment for the two counties. Noted both were the explosive growth of Pinal County along with the corresponding sluggish growth of telecom infrastructure. The potentially disastrous impact of a recent near county-wide telecom outage was discussed.
- VIII. A schedule time for the next Committee was noted and approved. It is **Tuesday March 22, 2005**, with a start time at **3:00 PM**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM